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SUBJECT: OECD EAST-WEST INITIATIVE: US PROPOSALS FOR WORK PROGRAM

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1. REFTEL DISCUSSED WITH OECD AND EASTERN EUROPE EXPERTS IN MFA/COMMERCE. THEY HAD OECD SECRETARIAT DRAFT WHICH PUT THEM ONE-UP ON EMBASSY.

2. THEY WILL BE PREPARING GOS VIEWS IN MEETING ON OCTOBER 12 AND MAY BE ABLE THEREAFTER PROVIDE EMBASSY CLEARER INDICATION OF GOS REACTION TO PROPOSED TOPICS LIST AND GROUP OF EXPERTS PROCEDURAL SUGGESTION.

3. IN THEIR OFFHAND REACTIONS THEY MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:
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(A) POOLING OF INFORMATION APPROPRIATE, BUT GOING BEYOND

THAT STEP TO SOME FORM OF "COORDINATION" ACTION WOULD TURN OFF SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS. IN PARTICULAR THEY REFERRED TO LONG-TIME FINNISH OPPOSITION TO ACTION-ORIENTED DISCUSSION WITHIN OECD VIS A VIS EASTERN EUROPE; (B) THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE, IN PROCESS OF ATTEMPTING A REORGANIZATION TO CONFORM BETTER TO THE RESULTS OF THE CSCE, IS SEIZED WITH SIMILAR SUBJECT MATTER.

HOW BEST TO SORT OUT OVERLAPPING EXPERTISE AND RESPONSIBILITIES THEY ASKED? (C) THEY SEEMED MORE FORTHRIGHT ON SUPPORTING OECD DISCUSSION OF PROBLEM RAISED FOR SHIPPING BY GROWING SOVIET COMPETITION.

4. COMMENT. SWEDEN'S FOREIGN POLICY, AND TO SOME EXTENT INCLINATION OF MANY OF MORE LEFTIST VOICES IN RECENT YEARS, EMPHASIZE MAINTENANCE GOOD RELATIONS WITH USSR AND EE. SWEDISH MULTINATIONALS AMONG MOST AGGRESSIVE AND IMAGINATIVE IN PENETRATING THOSE MARKETS, ESPECIALLY WITH LARGE TURN-KEY PROJECTS. PRESUMABLY THESE COMANIES AND THEIR BANKS ARE A MINE OF INFORMATION, BUTDIGGING IT OUT COULD BE VERY DELICATE.

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